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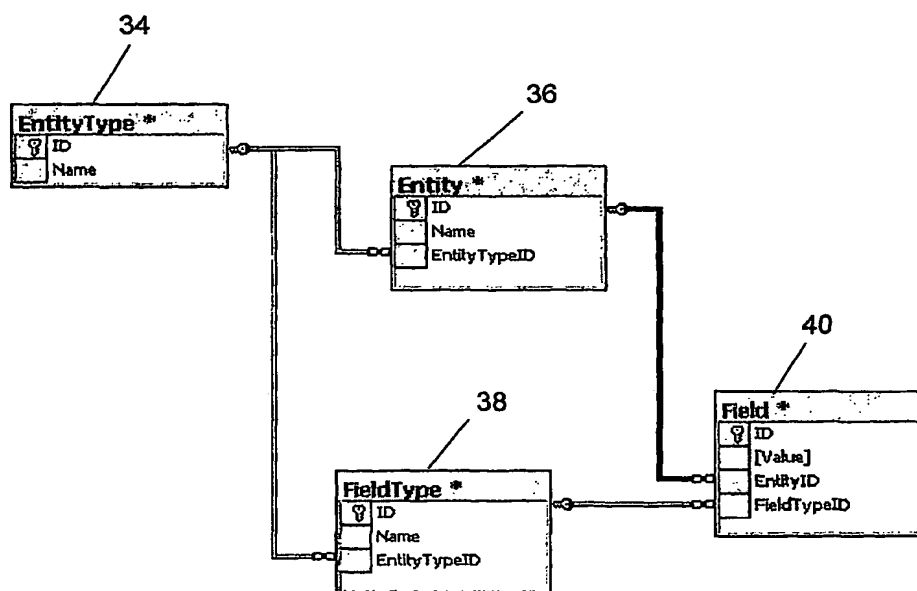
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a computer software product (18) that contains machine readable instructions for execution by an electronic processor to provide a database management system in accordance with a schema (24), the schema includes a first table (34) to store the names of various entity types; a second table (36) related to the first table to store the names of entities of the various entity types; a third table (38) related to the first table to store the names of fields in respect of the various entity types; and one or more value storage tables (40) related to the second and third tables to associate stored field values with entities. The schema includes identifiers, e.g. "EntityType", "Entity", "Field", "FieldType" to indicate the nature of the data to be stored in each of said tables